



SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

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P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the very existence of mankind is dependent upon soil and water; and
WHEREAS, wanton destruction and wasteful practices are depriving this nation
of the productivity of our soils and waters at an accelerated rate; and allied
practices are depleting certain species of native American wildlife disastrously;
and

WHEREAS, the protection of the wildlife species, such as the native American
prairie chicken or pinnated grouse, which is rapidly becoming extinct, should
be one of our responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the National Wildlife Federation, Washington, D. C., and the South
Dakota Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc., and its fifty affiliated community and county
sportsmen's clubs, in sponsoring National Wildlife Week, are doing much to focus
public attention on the importance of our natural resources and on the broad
and pressing problems of conservation; and

WHEREAS, the continued growth of human population and the increasing demands
made upon our resources forces us to give increasing attention to conservation
until every individual is aware of his vital dependence upon our natural resources
and acts intelligently to manage them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do
hereby designate the week of March 15 through March 21, 1953, as

NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

in South Dakota, and respectfully urge every citizen to recognize the importance
of the problems of conservation and to work with the thought of protection and
preservation, and to reflect upon America's riches of natural resources and the
importance to our future well-being of perpetuating them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and
caused the Great Seal of the
State of South Dakota to be
affixed this 14th day of
March, 1953.

Sigurd Anderson
Governor

ATTEST:

Geraldine Ostrook
Secretary of State

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